

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 4th August 2013

South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club will be "on holidays" and not meeting for the next two weeks. The club re-opens on Tuesday 20th August. Club meetings are held in the Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham every Tuesday at 8.00 pm: visitors and new members are always welcome.

Limerick Radio Club.

Members of Limerick Radio Club were active for last weekend's IOTA contest from Inisheer using the callsign EJ0A. A very enjoyable weekend was had by the team and the weather was glorious, though HF conditions were not favourable for EI OSO's. Members of the EJ0Y team paid us a visit from their location on Inish Maan, and both teams enjoyed the banter & coffee!!

Youngsters On The Air 2013.

A team of young operators will be represent the IRTS,for this years Youngsters On The Air event in Tartu, Estonia from 5-12 August. The camp is organised by the Estonian Radio Amateurs Union ERAU, and 15 countries will be represented. The EI team consists of: Ger McNamara EI4GXB (Team Leader) Lisa Cummins EI9GSB, Caoimhe McNamara EI1650, Jordan Cummins SWL, Kelsey Aspell SWL. A Facebook page has also been setup
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/youngstersontheair/>

Workshops will be run throughout the week and all aspects of Amateur Radio will be covered. Ger EI4GXB will be delivering the Antenna building workshop. Team EI will also be operating on the HF bands using ES5YOTA & ES9YOTA and we look forward to working lots of EI's!

DXCC Awards

The latest EI DXCC List at www.irts.ie/dxcc shows a number of interesting changes: in particular we note that John EI7BA, a long-time Honor Roll member in the

"Mixed" and "Phone" categories, has now joined the CW DXCC Honor Roll - with 331 of the 340 current entities confirmed. As well as becoming the only EI on the CW Honor Roll, looking at the Single Band Status Summary we see that EI7BA has now joined the small group of EIs with DXCC confirmed on 10 bands.

Another highlight in the latest DXCC list is the addition of John EI7IG to the list, bring the number of EI call signs with the DXCC award to 72.

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group will be activating Roches Point Lighthouse as part of the International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend using the reference IE010. This is a closed event and only available to members as the lighthouse is on private property but we look forward to getting you all in the log.

We also want to wish good luck to Team Ireland who are heading to Estonia this weekend to take part in YOTA (Youngsters on the Air). Two of our joint members, Jordan and Kelsey are part of the team. Hope you have a great time, learn lots and make new friends from all over Europe!

Another quick reminder that our annual rally is to be held on Sunday, the 15th September at the Commons Inn, Blackpool from 11am. Admission is €5 with raffle tickets also being sold on the day. Anyone wishing to book a table should contact Edwin EI2HEB as soon as possible on [ei2heb /at/ ei1nc.com](mailto:ei2heb@ei1nc.com). Edwin is also the point of contact for anyone wishing to take part in the new Foxhunt activity to be held on 14th September. Registration closes 7 days prior to the event.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group was active as EI2WRC/P from the Butlerstown & District Vintage Society Show last Sunday the 28th of July from Butlerstown, Co. Waterford. Although the weather was bad the event had a large crowd in attendance. Band conditions on the day were very poor but we still managed to work a good few stations. Interest from the general public was good with a large number of people asking an array of different questions about amateur radio. Mark's (EI7IS) buddy-pole antenna was a particular point of interest to the public. SEARG would like to thank the organisers of the Butlerstown Show for their invitation for us to take part in the show.

SEARG will be active again today Sunday the 4th of August (weather permitting) as EI2WRC/P from the Inistioge Vintage Rally from Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny. This is

always a great event which draws large numbers of people. SEARG's visit there last year proved to be a great success. Hopefully band conditions will be good and we look forward to having a QSO with you all.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club

West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual BBQ on Sunday Sept 1st 2013. The BBQ is in memory of the late Charlie Mc Crystal GI6DCC. All donations are welcome with all money raised going to Chest Heart and Stroke NI. The BBQ will be held at the following address Order Of Malta Ambulance Corps Omagh Unit HQ Brook Street Omagh BT78 5HE

The WTARC will hold their annual conference on Sat 5th Oct. Details of speakers, workshops etc will follow in the next few weeks. The venue for the conference is as follows.

Technology Education Centre 2 Spillars Place Omagh BT78 1FA

Anyone wishing to contact the club can do so by one of the following ways

info /at/ wtarc.org secretary /at/ wtarc.org www.wtarc.org

DX News

Byron KF8UN will be active as 5H3BB from Tanzania until 20th August. Operation will be mainly on SSB on 40, 20, 17 and 15m with a possibility of some CW. QSLs go via the home call.

DXers will be saddened to hear of the death of Tom Christian VP6TC (formerly VR6TC) on Pitcairn Island. Tom gave many their first contact with the remote Pacific island. He was aged 78 and a descendent of Fletcher Christian of 'Mutiny on the Bounty' fame.

Herbert DL7AHF and Michael DG8MH will operate as 8Q7HF and 8Q7MH until 11 August from the Maldives Islands. QSL to the home call.

A French group will sign TM2NOI from Noirmoutier Island from 9 – 11 August. This

one counts as EU-064 for the Islands on the Air Award. Operation will be on SSB, CW and Digital. QSL manager is F4FVI.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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